

THE FOCAL POINT

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From the Rabbi's Study...



When I look outside my window and see all the trees blossoming and the flowers blooming, I can't help but be in awe of creation. Although, most generally take this for granted, the world coming back to life after seemingly being dead during the winter months is truly one of G-d's miracles. One might even equate this with the declaration we make each morning after waking up that states, "*Modeh ani* – I thank you G-d for mercifully restoring my soul..." If you think about it, for all intense and purposes, our seemingly lifeless bodies lie dormant in our beds almost exactly the same way nature lies dormant during the winter months. Therefore, we should consider the act of waking up each morning as a miraculous gift from G-d. After all, not everyone is fortunate to receive such a gift. My point is that we should never take anything or anyone for granted, and as the saying goes, count our blessings and thank G-d each and every day for those blessings. When you start the day with the awareness of all the goodness in your life, you will go through the day with a positive and optimistic outlook, no matter how your day goes.

However, gratitude alone is not enough to enhance spirituality and bring holiness into your life. Living an authentic Jewish life based upon *Torah* and *mitzvot*, spending quality time learning Judaism's history, tradition and wisdom and creating a synergy within the congregation is what strengthens our identity and mission.

It's sad that except for religiously observant Jews, *shul* attendance has been steadily declining. Jewish people are among the least likely Americans to attend religious services at least once a week. The only group lower are those who identify themselves as atheists.

We must ask ourselves, why after so many generations of Jewish people holding religion and prayer close to their hearts have so many Jewish people become disinterested in coming together as a congregation to express gratitude, desires and hope for the future. After all, the primary function of a *shul* is to enhance communal spirituality and holiness, but in order to achieve this, prayer services must be inspiring, touching the souls and hearts of the people. Congregants should leave a service feeling uplifted and invigorated. However, in order to achieve this level of engagement, the congregation must be willing to put forth their effort and meet halfway.

There's an old joke of a very poor man praying to G-d to please let him win the lottery. He prays with so much passion and emotion begging G-d to help him feed his family. A week goes by and the man once again prays to G-d that he hardly has any food to feed himself, his wife and his eight children, and to please let him win the lottery. A third week goes by and now this man is totally desperate. With tears streaming down his face he tells G-d, "I am

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From the President...



Dear Congregational Family,

It has been a while since I have communicated with you all, and I wanted to take some time before everyone is off on their summer break to give you an update. While I write this message, people are feverishly working on the K.I. Allan Greenberg Memorial Golf Tournament. **Richard Glass** has stepped up recently to accept the chairman position, and I know he is working to get everyone organized and up to speed with the help of Elizabeth Peden. This year promises to be another fine outing, so please be sure to get teams to sign up right away. Also please try to source prizes and auction items as well. Your assistance is much appreciated and necessary to ensure the tournament is profitable.

Drs. Shari and Michael Sokol are moving along with this year's Grand Givers event, and it also looks to be another entertaining event, featuring 'Neil Berg.' The show will provide great entertainment and these people are real pros! Please step forward if you haven't been working on any committee. This one isn't overwhelming and they can really use the assistance. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

Our board of directors made a couple of major decisions at our last meeting. One is to have our failing HVAC replaced with new and properly sized and designed units. We will be getting three quotes and looking them over to find the one that best fits our needs, as we did with the major concrete project we did a couple of years ago. The project will need to be financed with a loan, and hopefully that loan can be retired with the help of our congregation and board very soon. There are leaks and other problems so it doesn't make sense to repair units as old and in as poor shape as they are. Many parts cannot be found anymore as they are obsolete. More to come on this very soon, as they will need to be in by the time the heat of summer is here.

The next major decision is to hire an assistant rabbi for K.I. This is a major undertaking as this search is being positioned so that whomever we bring in as the assistant, needs to be the clergyman who can transition into our senior rabbi. By hiring an assistant, you get to take a look at someone you choose in action before giving them the big job. Sort of a try it before you buy it. I have finalized my choices for a search committee and will be sending out invitations to these people soon, so that we can have our first meeting and move the process forward. I have a small committee of officers working with me to work on Rabbi Shron's contract which ends in July of this year.

These decisions are extremely important and were made with the

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Memorial Day services will be held in the chapel at Blue Ridge Cemetery, 1901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on **Sunday, May 29 at 11:00 a.m.**

SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Candlelighting*.....7:59 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 7

**BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH
IYAR**

CHAI ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Morning Service.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:40 PM
Havdalah.....8:54 PM



FRIDAY, MAY 13

Candlelighting*.....8:05 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....7:45 PM
Havdalah.....9:01 PM



FRIDAY, MAY 20

Candlelighting*.....8:11 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:50 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 21

**KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF
ELINOR & SHERRILL FRIEDMAN'S
60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**
Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mincha.....7:55 PM
Havdalah.....9:08 PM



FRIDAY, MAY 27

Candlelighting*.....8:17 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:55 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Morning Services.....9:00 AM
Mini Minyan for Kids.....10:30 AM
Mincha.....8:00 PM
Havdalah.....9:15 PM

* NO LATER THAN THESE TIMES

Rabbi Shron's message cont'd from page 1.....

at the end of the line. My family is on the verge of starvation. Please, I beg You, let me win the lottery." Suddenly, a voice comes down from heaven and says, "At least meet Me halfway and buy a ticket!"

The point is, in order for a synagogue to provide a genuine spiritual environment there has to be a joint effort between the spiritual leaders and the congregation. It requires self-sacrifice and commitment by all to promote a sense of vision, identity and mission, and it must be accomplished by infusing energy and enthusiasm into the synagogue. If we all take ownership of our mission, our *shul* will be a source of blessing, warmth and inspiration to all.

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Shron

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assistance of the K.I. Board of Directors and Officers. We plan on moving forward in a thoughtful and efficient manner to ensure that K.I.'s transition into the future is in the best interest of K.I. and our congregants. From my family to yours, have very a terrific summer!

*Craig Caplan,
President*

Jewelry Making Party

*A bling-filled evening of fun,
refreshments, and bonding with the Women of KI*

**Wednesday, May 18
7-9 pm at K.I.**



Professional jewelry designers **Randi Berger** and **Debby Schlozman** will show you tricks of the trade to string and complete your design. You'll leave with your choice of a beautiful necklace or bracelet. Choose from our fabulous bead and gem kits or bring your own old piece to redesign.

Cost: \$10/person confirms your reservation
Cost of materials - Kits from \$15-\$30 can be purchased at the event. (Total cost \$25 - \$40.)

Seating is limited. RSVP soon! Your check is your reservation. Mail to K.I. - 10501 Conser St. - OPKS 66212

Women of KI



March 28, 2016

To all at K.I. and
Purim Basket
Sponsors, a big *Todah*
Rabah for my nice

Purim Basket and the *Hamentashen*!
I really appreciate it.

All my best,
Shirley Beiser

Women of KI - Jewelry Making Party 5/18/16

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Attending _____

Amount enclosed @ \$10/ea \$ _____



17TH ANNUAL ALLAN GREENBERG MEMORIAL KEHILATH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 20, 2016 • OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB • 9800 GRANDVIEW RD • KANSAS CITY, MO

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
 ORGANIZATION: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____
 EMAIL: _____

Please pair me with a team: _____ or
 Please pair me with the following players: (before listing partners, please ensure that they plan to team with you.)

	PLAYER NAME	E-MAIL	PHONE
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

COST:
 FORMAT:

SILENT AUCTION, PRIZES & AWARDS FOR THE BIG WINNERS THROUGHOUT EVENT!
 \$175 per player, includes green fees, lunch and prizes.
 Four person scramble (flighted)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NAME: _____
 ORGANIZATION: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____
 EMAIL: _____

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - I WOULD LIKE TO BE A:

<input type="checkbox"/>	DRIVING RANGE SPONSOR	\$2000
<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST AND TEN SPONSOR	\$1500
<input type="checkbox"/>	FOOD SPONSOR	\$1500
<input type="checkbox"/>	HOLE SPONSOR	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIENDS OF K.I.	\$250

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK(S) FOR \$_____

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CALL THE K.I. OFFICE AT 913.642.1880 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



- 11 Susan & Charles Goodbinder (47)
- 16 Linda & Elliott Goldstein (23)
Nedra & Leonard Rosen (48)
- 17 Jackie & Allan Rosenstock (29)
Cheryl & David Shanberg (1)
- 20 Elinor & Sherrill Friedman (60)
Fran & David Kanter (32)
- 21 Beryl & Richard Silberg (62)
- 23 Deanna & Jeffery Rudd (35)
- 24 Madeline & Robert Schiffman (52)
- 25 Cathy & Joseph Pec (15)
- 26 Catherine & Daniel Singer (3)
- 27 Joyce & Alan Organ (14)
- 28 Debra & Scott Levin (16)
- 30 Tamara & Steven Kingston (34)
- 31 Susan & Samuel Gutovitz (29)
Nancy & Richard Kohn (29)
Jennifer & Lowell Fletcher (6)
Angie & Allen Caviar (1)
Cara & Doug Zolotor (1)

GRADUATIONS

If you have students graduating high school, college or graduate school, please call the synagogue office. Give us their names, school, degree, etc., so that they can be acknowledged in the next *Focal Point*.

CONGREGANTS' MAY BIRTHDAYS

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to all of the following congregants who are celebrating their birthdays this month:

Arlene Abrams, Michael Abrams, Phillis Bengis, Justin Belozor, Jeniece Berman, Craig Caplan, Donald Cohen, Natalie Cohen, Kerry Cosner, Barry Dicker, Maya Dolnik, Elinor Friedman, Sandra Gasser, Amy Goldstein, Lisa Gortenberg, Daniel Hammer, Louise Hirsekorn, Beverly Jacobson, Richard Jacobson, Anna Kellmer, Tamara Kingston, Susan Klopner, Phyllis Kohn, Craig Kolkin, Jackie Kraft, Anna Kricsfeld, Norman Levine, Shirley Levine, Rachel Macek, Thomas Morgan, Natalie Nearenberg, Jesse Newman, Sam Pener, Faya Portnoy, Miriam Rakley, Aaron Rissien, Adriana Rosales, David Ruben, Matthew Siegel, Cindy Singer, Max Singer, Mary Jane Stern, Josh Tucker, Steve Waxman, Judith Weinstein, Lois Winston.



MAY YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Abby Gold, Bennett Gordon, Rachel Johnson, Evelyn Brand, Samuel Kulikov, Ariella Davidson, Ava Gortenberg.

Mini Minyan for Kids

Pre-K to 7th Grade

This month meets on
Saturdays, May 14th & 21st



Will meet twice a month at 10:30 a.m.
in the Rose Morgan Chapel.
Kids will join sanctuary for the end of services.
Led by **Debbie Entine**

**DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE-JULY
ISSUE OF THE FOCAL POINT IS MAY 8**

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K.I. MEN'S CLUB is Going to the T-BONES

Sunday, May 22 - Meet at Noon (Game Time 1:05 pm)

Location: Community America Ballpark, 1800 Village West Parkway, KCKS 66111

T-BONES VS TEXAS AIRHOGS

Men's Club members and children under age 10 - Free

Spouses and children 10 and older - \$10/person Max out-of-pocket per family - \$25

Includes box meal and soft drink (Please check your choices below and send in with your check)

TURKEY

Mexican/Rye & Whole Wheat _____ Oven Roasted/Whole Wheat _____

BEEF

Corned Beef on Rye _____ Corned Beef on Whole Wheat _____

Roast Beef on White Bread _____ Roast Beef on Whole Wheat _____

Pastrami on Rye _____ Hot Dogs _____

FISH

Tuna on Rye _____

Potato Chips _____ Chocolate Chip Cookies _____ Soft Drinks or Water _____

Contact Greg Quinn to meet up at the game - 913.449.0873

RSVP DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 17 (RSVP's will not be accepted by phone)

Mail checks to Andy Schwartz, 10555 Foster St, OPKS 66212, made out to K.I. Men's Club Treasurer.

Men's Club members must also RSVP so we can order the correct number of meals!!!

NAME(S): _____

BEST PHONE: _____ BEST EMAIL: _____

PAYING ADULTS & CHILDREN AGE 10 AND OVER: # _____

NON PAYING ADULTS & CHILDREN UNDER 10: # _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

תודה רבה

...We thank **Eunice & Sheldon Snitz**, our gracious volunteers, who make themselves available to assist office staff.

רפואה שלמה

...The congregation expresses sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Gussie Alport, Dr. Joel Feder, Richard Glass, Seymour Krinsky, Rabbi Mandl**, and to all other members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

מזל טוב

...to **Ileen and Dr. Ira Neufeld** on the marriages of their sons, Geoffrey Neufeld to Catie Hamilton and Michael Neufeld to Aliza Sirkin.

...to **Ruth Nowack** for having been selected as Volunteer of the Year for the Johnson County Library.



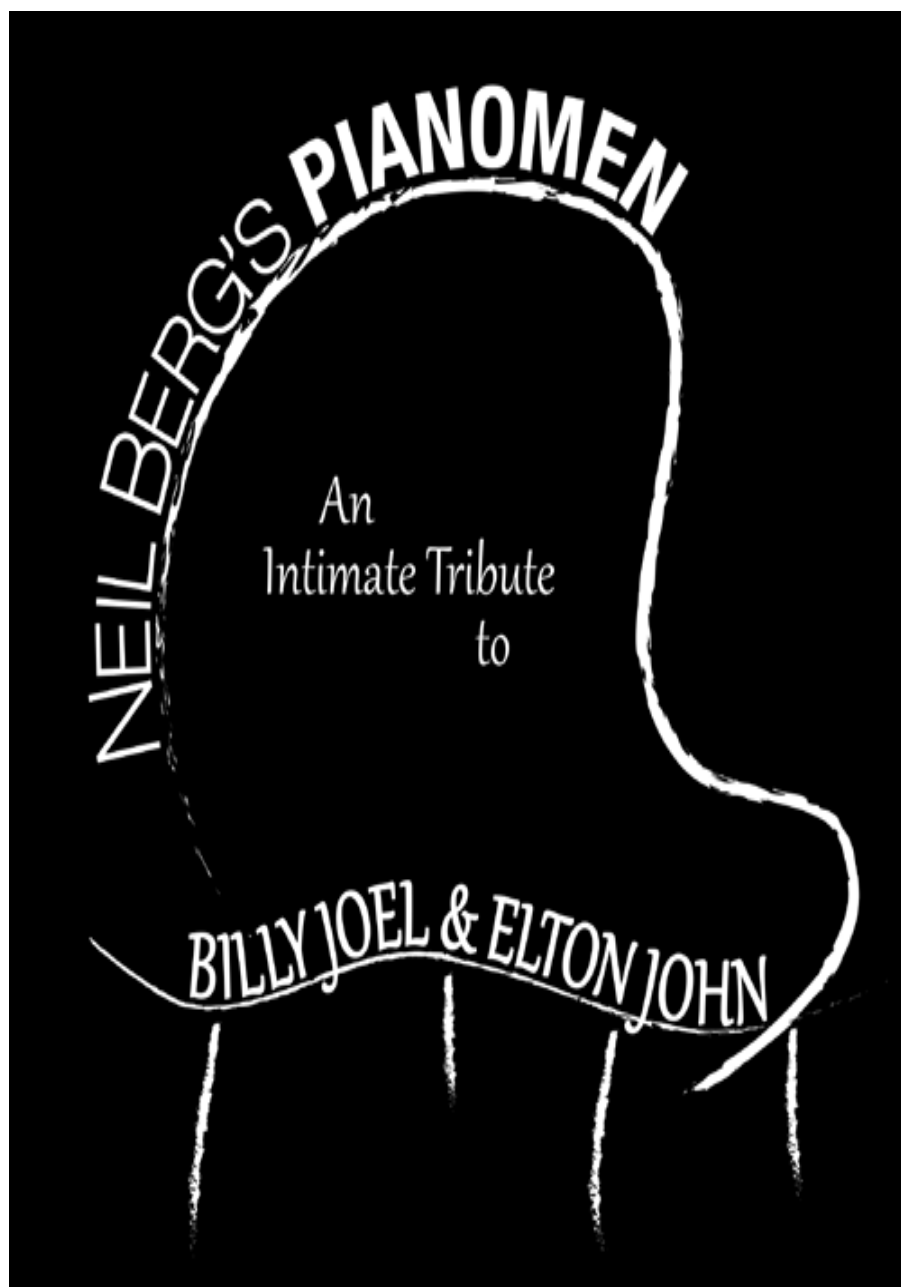
Mary Jane Stern was left off the baking *hamantaschen* list.

Greg and Dori Quinn helped deliver *Purim* baskets.

PURIM AT K.I.



**Save the Date for K.I.'s
2016 GRAND GIVERS**



Saturday Evening, Nov. 12, 2016

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE

With Reverence We Record the Following Yahrzeits

MEMORIAL TABLETS

23 NISAN-MAY 1
MARY CHEPLOVE
SOL GALLAS
SIMON HURWITZ
ABRAHAM KATZ
DOBRISH
MOLDAVER

24 NISAN-MAY 2
SHLOME BECKMAN
SOL CAPLAN
SHAMARYAHU
FRIEDMAN
LILLIAN KESSLER
KALMON LEVINE
PHILIP LITMAN
MAX RAINEN

25 NISAN-MAY 3
MAX AARON
SYLVIA BEISER
SAM BROWN
FRANK DUNN
ISRAEL DWORETSKY
ARON SCHIFMAN
MORDECAI WEINER

26 NISAN-MAY 4
NATHAN BOTWINIK
NATHAN GOLDSTEIN
ELSIE KRAFT
BERTHA SHOLTZ

27 NISAN-MAY 5
CHAYA BRAILOVE
ZEVI BROOKS
NATHAN CLAYMAN
NATHAN KELLER
THEODORE LANSKY
IDA LEVINSON
BARNEY PHILLIPS
DAVID ROSEN
KLARA
SHVARTSBLAT
JACOB STRAF
FREDA TEST
SAMUEL WENECK

28 NISAN-MAY 6
HERMAN BULAVSKY
SOL DALEN
SELMA
DEISENFELD
HARRY EISBERG
SEYMOUR KATZ
PHIL KESSLER
BRADLEY SCHIFMAN
ASHLEY ZACK

29 NISAN-MAY 7
JACOB ABRAMSON
ZANEWELL BEISER
BERTHA GELHAAR

IDA LEWKOWITZ
JOSEPH MALLIN
ROSE MILLER
MORRIS POLSKY
DAVID RUTTNER
SOLOMAN SHERR

30 NISAN-MAY 8
ROSE OSMAN
LOUIS WASSERMAN

1 IYAR-MAY 9
MOLLY GILGUS
YECHIEL REIF

2 IYAR-MAY 10
IDA CAPITO
FANNY CHOPP
ANNIE FLEITMAN
WOLF OSADCHY
SARAH RABINOWITZ
ZISKA SLOTKIN

3 IYAR-MAY 11
DAVID KOGAN
HARRY SHERR
WOLF SINGMAN
ANN SNITZ
ZELDA STOFFSKY
MATLA SUKIENNIK

4 IYAR-MAY 12
WILLIAM BIRENBOIM
MANUEL EAGLSTUN
SADIE ENTIN
REBECCA GOLDSTEIN
BERTHA KRIGEL
CHAYA LEVINE
ZLATA SHANE
EISIG WOLOWSKI

5 IYAR-MAY 13
BEN BITNER
ALEX KRAFT
MICHAEL SCHUB
MARY WACHTEL
ISADORE ZEFF

6 IYAR-MAY 14
MAX BROWN
HARRY BURSTEN
LOUISE DOLGENOW
MEYER GINSBERG
BETTY GLADSTONE
HARRY RUBEN
WILLIAM RUDNICK
GRETA SCHICK
JOSEPH SCHWARTZ

7 IYAR-MAY 15
BENJAMIN ARONSON
FANNIE CAPLAN
TODROS GREENBERG

MAYER INDYK
JOSEPH LEVINE

8 IYAR-MAY 16
MIERL GALITZKY
EDYTHE KAUFMAN
SAMUEL KLEVATT
HERMAN LERNER
MORRIS MILDER

9 IYAR-MAY 17
ARNOLD GOLDBERG
MANUEL KLOPPER
LOUIS MEYERS
LOUIS NUSSBAUM
MORRIS SHANKMAN
CHARLES
SPITCAUFSKY
HANNAH
WEISBERGER

10 IYAR-MAY 18
MOSHE ABEND
LEAH DOLGINOFF
ANNA FRIZENT
GLORIA KOLKIN
EUGENE LIPSKY
PHILIP QUITO
MELVIN SPITCAUFSKY
BERTHA THOMAS

11 IYAR-MAY 19
LOUIS ADELMAN
JENNIE BERNSTEIN
ANNA CHERNICOFF
MORRIS CHERNICOFF
GOLDIE FISHMAN
ESTHER LEVENE
MILLIE ROCHELD
CHAIM ROSENFELD
SARA WEINER

12 IYAR-MAY 20
RICHARD ASHER
LOUIS BIRNBAUM
HARRY MILINKOWSKY
ANNA SIMON

13 IYAR-MAY 21
SAMUEL ARON
JENNIE BASSIN
JACK EISBERG
MORRIS FINGERSH
ESTHER FRANKSTEIN
JACOB KAUFMAN
IRVING MALLIN
JACK MARGOLIS
SARAH RUDNICK

14 IYAR-MAY 22
ABRAHAM DORFMAN
HYMAN FISHMAN
SARAH SHERR

ISRAEL SPACK

15 IYAR-MAY 23
SAUL GOTTLIEB
SAM GRANT
ALICE LAPIN
HENIYA LIPKIN
MARY MAISELL
MORRIS MAX
SARAH MERMELSTEIN
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16 IYAR-MAY 24
RACHEL AMPEL
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17 IYAR-MAY 25
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18 IYAR-MAY 26
SAMUEL BRAUN
NACHMAN CARROLL
JEANETTE FRIEDMAN
ARNOLD
FROHLICHMAN
SONIA GOLAD
BLUMA HOROWITZ
SELMA LIPSKY

19 IYAR-MAY 27
RACHEL BIRNBAUM
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DAVID GULKO
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20 IYAR-MAY 28
SARAH APPELBAUM
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AARON CAVIAR
HARRY GOLDSTEIN
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FANNIE LEVIN
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21 IYAR-MAY 29
ARTHUR DUBIN
FRED ELLIS
DAVID GRUNDMAN
REBECCA LAPIDES
BEN LESKY
POLA ROSS
REBECCA WEINBERG

22 IYAR-MAY 30
MARY CAVIAR
ETHEL FLAPAN
SARY FREEDMAN
SADIE GALLAS
KENNETH KLUGMAN
BARNEY SNITZ

23 IYAR-MAY 31
HARRY BERKOWICH
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YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Will take place Sunday, May 1st at 1:30 p.m. in the Lewis and Shirley White Theatre, will commemorate 70 years since the first survivors arrived in Kansas City.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AVAILABLE

Jewish Family Services hosts a Grief and Loss Support Group that meets the first and third Wednesday each month, 2-3:30 p.m. at Village Shalom. The support group is for individuals grieving from the death of a spousal partner or significant other. The group, which is free, provides the opportunity to address issues of loss and grief within a Jewish spiritual context, and in a warm and confidential environment.

The group is co-facilitated by Rabbi Mark Levin and Roger Goldblatt, a licensed clinical social worker. To register for this support group or for more information, please contact Goldblatt at 913.730.1422 or rgoldblatt@jfskc.org

LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/services/mentalhealthservices/4191-2/>

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MAY FEATURES SPECIAL EVENT MAY 6

The Greater Kansas City Mental Health Coalition (GKCMHC), based at Jewish Family Services, is partnering in May to mark Mental Health Month with an event in conjunction with several partner organizations. "Mental Health: Make the Connection" will take place on Friday, May 6, at Cerner Corporation's Vision Center, 2800 Rockcreek Parkway, North Kansas City, Missouri. The event is free and offers options for morning (Mental Health in the Workplace), afternoon (Mental Health in the Home and Community) or all-day. There are keynote speakers as well as 14 different breakout sessions focusing on Mental Health in the Workplace and Mental Health at Home and in the Community. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To register for the event, visit maketheconnectionkc.org. For more information, please contact Kim Romary, GKCMHC coalition coordinator, at kromary@jfskc.org.

TRUMAN AND ISRAEL INAUGURAL LECTURE

May 9, 2016 | 7:00 pm | Kansas City Public Library Plaza Branch

The Jewish Community Foundation and the Truman Library Institute are pleased to announce the creation of the Truman and Israel Lecture. The lecture series will explore Truman's courageous decision to recognize the State of Israel and the tremendous impact that this decision has had on world history.

The Truman and Israel Lecture is dedicated not only to reflecting on one of President Truman's - and our country's - most world-altering decisions, but also to fostering informed dialogue regarding the historic alliance between the United States and Israel and the policies and leadership required for a lasting peace in the Middle East.

The 2016 lecture will feature a presentation by The Honorable Dennis Ross, U.S. Ambassador and author of *Doomed to Succeed: The U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to Obama*.

Venue doors will open to the public at 6:30 p.m. for a wine and coffee reception. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Seating is on a first-come basis. Your RSVP helps us plan for this special event but does not guarantee a seat.

YOM HAZIKARON: ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 10 -- 7:30 pm

Join Kansas City's Jewish community as we honor Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror. This Israeli-style ceremony is a special tribute to those who have been impacted by the recent wave of terrorism. Event is free and open to the public. JCC Social Hall. For more information contact Shiran Cohen at shiranc@jewishkc.org

YOM HAATZMAUT: ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY --

THURSDAY, MAY 12 @ K.I.

YANIV HAREL IN CONCERT

Event starts at 5:30 pm - Doors open for the concert at 6:30 pm - Concert starts at 7:00 pm

Hosted by Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and Kehilath Israel Synagogue. Celebrate Israel's birthday with falafel from the Israel Spirit Committee, a shuk featuring local artists and Israeli goods, art projects, face painting, photo booth and more. Event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Shiran Cohen at shiranc@jewishkc.org.

CAREER SKILLS & CONNECTIONS

Career Skills & Connections (formerly known as Jewish Employment Services) offers a comprehensive array of services, including career coaching, career exploration, workshops, which cover the basic technical skills, peer support and job development. A total of nine workshops are offered every month. This format provides the benefit of group learning and gives clients all the tools needed in a condensed timeframe for a jumpstart on their job search. Individual coaching is still a key part of the program and strongly encouraged. Monday Morning Coffee Club and Getting Unstuck address the emotional impact of unemployment. For more information on specific programs, please contact cboasberg@jfskc.org or call 913.730.1449 LINK: <http://www.jfskc.org/CSC>

GET UP & GO TRANSPORTATION EXPO FOCUSES ON OLDER ADULT DRIVING

The expo will take place on Wednesday, June 8, from 8 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Campus. A continental breakfast will be available. The free event will offer information, tips and resources for older adult drivers to help them to continue driving safely. The keynote presentation, "The Road to Independence", will feature representatives from the Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City and the Shawnee Mission Health Driving Program. The Expo is sponsored by the JET Express Program of Jewish Family Services, Shawnee Mission Health, the Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City, Americans for Older Driving Safety and Catch-A-Ride. For more information, please contact Dawn Staton at JFS at 913.327.8239 or dstaton@jfskc.org.

IN MEMORIAM

May the G-d of Mercy sustain and comfort those who have suffered the loss of dear ones. The Kehilath Israel family extends deepest sympathy to our bereaved families of:

TRENT DANIELS

(Husband of Laura Daniels)

CLIFFORD JONES

(Father of Laura Daniels)

JAY COOPER

(Brother of Deanna Rudd)

CHARLES WALDEN

(Father of Elizabeth Peden)

MONUMENT UNVEILING

Sunday, May 1

In Memory of

ANNA MONDSCHNEIN

10:30 a.m.

K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery

May 2016 23 Nisan 5776 - 23 Iyar 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 23 NISAN Religious School 9:15-11:30 am Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration @JCC - 1:30-3:30 pm	2 24 NISAN Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	3 25 NISAN	4 26 NISAN Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm	5 27 NISAN	6 28 NISAN 7:59	7 29 NISAN Acharei Samuel 20:18-42 Shabbos Ends: 8:54 Chai Anniversary Kiddush Rabbi Shron Study Class-6:55 pm
8 30 NISAN Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 1 NO Religious School	9 1 IYAR Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Day 2	10 2 IYAR Yom HaZikaron-Israel Memorial Day @JCC Social Hall-7:30-9:00 pm	11 3 IYAR Religious School 4:30-6:15 pm Yoga-6:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	12 4 IYAR Community-Wide Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration at K.I.- 5:30 pm	13 5 IYAR 8:06	14 6 IYAR Kedoshim Amos 9:7-15 Shabbos Ends: 9:01 Mini Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Kiddush in honor of Elinor and Sherrill Friedman's 60th anniversary Rabbi Shron Study Class-7:00 pm
15 7 IYAR Last Day of Religious School 9:15-11:30 am John Shuchart Speaker - Light Breakfast - 10:30 am	16 8 IYAR PrayerWorks - 7:00 pm Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	17 9 IYAR	18 10 IYAR Yoga-6:00 pm Women of K.I. Jewelry Making Class-7:00 pm	19 11 IYAR	20 12 IYAR 8:11	21 13 IYAR Emor Ezekiel 44:15-31 Shabbos Ends: 9:08 Mini Minyan for Kids-10:30 am Rabbi Shron Study Class-7:10 pm
22 14 IYAR Pesach Sheini Men's Club Goes to the T-Bone Game-Noon	23 15 IYAR Talmud Class - 7:15 pm	24 16 IYAR	25 17 IYAR Yoga-6:00 pm Spring Forest Qigong-7:00 pm	26 18 IYAR Lag B'Omer Cub Scout Crossover Pack Meeting-6:45 pm	27 19 IYAR 8:17	28 20 IYAR Behar Jeremiah 32:6-27 Shabbos Ends: 9:15 Rabbi Shron Study Class-7:15 pm
29 21 IYAR K.I. Blue Ridge Cemetery Service-11:00 am	30 22 IYAR Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED Shacharit Service-9:00 am	31 23 IYAR				



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**WEEKLY SERVICES
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Sunday Shacharit 9:00 AM
Monday-Friday Shacharit 7:00 AM

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Mincha and Maariv

Week of May 1 6:35 PM
Week of May 8 6:40 PM
Week of May 15 6:45 PM
Week of May 22 6:50 PM
Week of May 29 6:55 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

ROSH CHODESH IYAR - Sunday, May 8
Monday, May 9

Jewish Schizophrenia: How "Let My People Go!" Made Moses a Hero!

WHAT: 45 minute presentation by author **John Shuchart**

Light breakfast will be served

DETAILS: On **Sunday, May 15, 10:30 am** at K.I. Synagogue

OVERVIEW: Author John Shuchart entertains and informs us about mental health, its stigma, and how laughter can help in recovery from depression. **FREE!**



Moses wasn't schizophrenic when he heard a Voice urging him to tell Pharaoh to "Let my people go!" He simply became the first Jew to deal with mental health awareness! Now we all do! Our mental health is directly affected by our religious beliefs as well as our ability to use our sense of humor to deal with sadness. This talk will explore how using humor and our Jewishness are effective tools in our struggle with mental illness.

John Shuchart is a successful businessman, educator and founder of *The Shuchart Foundation for Mental Health Awareness*. In his book *"You Are Not the Brightest of my Four Sons"...and Other Depressing Things That Have Been Said to Me*, he shares his moving story about growing up in an emotionally abusive home, suffering through life-threatening accidents and an addiction to prescription painkillers, and ultimately planning his suicide before starting his recovery from depression.